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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 24, 2002

Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request that the Examiner approve amendments to Figs. 1, 2a and 2b, as shown in red on the enclosed copies thereof. These amendments add the legend "Background Information" to each of Figs. 1, 2a and 2b. Noting, for example, Item 6 on page 3 of the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001, it is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the drawing figures are clearly proper.

Upon approval of the requested drawing amendments by the Examiner, and indication of allowable subject matter, the requested drawing amendments will be

made pursuant to the pertinent rules and regulations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Approval of the requested drawing amendments is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 709.36924X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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